



**UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND**  
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8 November 2018

Mr. Waqas Mirza  
DEPT MR 23882  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Mirza,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking a copy of civilian casualty assessments pertaining to the ten strikes covered in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) news releases dated, 15 Jan 2016 and 22 Jan 2016. The referenced USCENTCOM news releases indicated the following 10 strikes: (1) 12 Apr 15; (2) 11 Jun 15; (3) 19 Jun 15; (4) 29 Jun 15; (5) 4 Jul 15; (6) 4 Jul 15; (7) 7 Jul 15; (8) 8 Jul 15; (9) 11 Jul 15; and (10) 17 Jul 15.

USCENTCOM conducted a thorough good faith search and located 46 pages. After reviewing the records, I am withholding nine pages in their entirety and partially releasing 37 pages to you. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), applying Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, Classified National Security Information, sections 1.4(a) military plans, weapons systems, or operations; 1.4(b) foreign government information; 1.4(c) intelligence activities, sources or methods; and 1.4(g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems relating to the national security or defense against terrorism. Additional information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) as it relates to 10 U.S.C. § 130b personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units; and (b)(6) personal privacy interests.

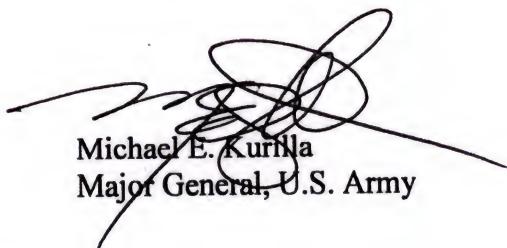
Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority for FOIA, by withholding this information, I am partially denying your request under FOIA. No allowable fees could be charged for this request pursuant to DoD Manual 5400.07. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, The Transparency Office, FOIA Public Liaison (Mr. James Hogan) at [OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil). Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense. The appellate address is ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. As an alternative, you may use the Office of the Secretary of Defense FOIA request portal at <https://pal.whs.mil/> to submit your appeal electronically, or you can email your appeal to

OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil, and state "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal must be postmarked or submitted electronically within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENTCOM's case #16-0128, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" in your correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 529-6285, centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil, and refer to case #16-0128.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Kurilla  
Major General, U.S. Army

Enclosures:

1. Potential CIVCAS in IRQ Strike, 12 Apr 15
2. AR 15-6 CIVCAS Findings, Recs, DA1574, 29 Jun 15
3. CIVCAS due to Coalition Airstrike, 29 Jun 15
4. Way Ahead, 4 Jul 15
5. Self-Reported Potential CIVCAS RAQQAH Syria, 4 Jul 15
6. CCIR 15 Potential CIVCAS, 4 Jul 15
7. Possible CIVCAS from Secondary Explosion from K/S, 12 Jul 15
8. CAOC CIVCAS Credibility Inquiry, 11 Jul 15
9. CIVCAS Credibility Assessment, 11 and 18 Jul 15

**From:** CENTCOM JOC TEAM CHIEF  
**To:** Austin, Lloyd J III GEN MIL USA USCENTCOM CCCC  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCCC; Busby, Steven W MajGen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCJ5; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; CCCC CAG (Commanders Action Group); CCJ2 JIC Crisis JFC Leadership; CCJ2 JIC JTFO Watch Personnel; CENTCOM CCJ3 Executive Officers; CENTCOM JOC CCC1; CENTCOM JOC CHOPS; CENTCOM JOC J2; CENTCOM JOC J2 CSG; CENTCOM JOC J3 Maritime; CENTCOM JOC J3 O AR (AIR/ISR); CENTCOM JOC J3 O CAS (GROUND); CENTCOM JOC JA; CENTCOM JOC JFE; CENTCOM JOC TEAM CHIEF; CENTCOM JOC XO; (b)(6) (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ2-J; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-JATN; (b)(6) (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ6-O; (b)(6) USCENTCOM CCJ2-JATA; (b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCDC; Fox, Mark I VADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC; Gallagher, Peter A BG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ6; Garrett, Michael X MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; (b)(6) USMC USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; Groover, Ralph H III BG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ5; Grove, Steven R MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ2; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-DCS; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ4-O; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-JARH; Jenkins, Sean M BG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; Malloy, James J RDML MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-OCGM; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCJ8; (b)(6) CIV USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-OSA; Mingus, James J BG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ5; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ4-E; Piagge, Aundre F MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ4; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-DJ2; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ6-JCC; (b)(6) USCENTCOM SOCCENT/SOCJ3; (b)(6) CIV USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-OJOC; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-LA; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-P; (b)(6) OSC-1 Chief Current Operations; Slife, James C Brig Gen MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ5; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-LA; (b)(6) Wilsbach, Kenneth S Maj Gen MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCJ5-PLRPE

**Subject:** [§] 5Ws: Potential CIVCAS in IRQ during strike on (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c  
**Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2015 12:44:39 PM

**Classification:** ~~SECRET~~

GEN Austin,

**BLUF:** CAOC reports a possible CIVCAS during (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c 12 APR 15 dynamic strike on (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c 12 APR 15 dynamic strike on (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c EKIA previously reported targeted in the strike, two additional civilian individuals may have inadvertently been killed IVO the strike. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**WHO:** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**WHAT:** Potential CIVCAS during (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**WHEN:** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**WHERE:** IVO Hawija, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**DETAILS:** Two civilians IVO the 12 APR 15 strike on (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c may have been inadvertently killed as a result of the strike. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4g notified the CAOC which notified CENTCOM IAW CAOC CIVCAS checklists. This strike was logged as CENTCOM Strike (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**WAY AHEAD:** CENTCOM JOC will continue to monitor and report.

V/r,

(b)(6)

USAF

TEAM CHIEF, USCENTCOM JOC

**TEAM CHIEF DESK**

(b)(6)

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**Classification:** ~~SECRET~~

**Derived From:** IAW CENTCOM Classification Guide, CCR 380-14

**Declassify On:** 4/12/2025

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
COMBINED JOINT FORCES LAND COMPONENT COMMAND - IRAQ  
UNION III, BAGHDAD, IRAQ  
APO AE 09305

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

15  
6 July 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq (CJFLCC-I), Union III, Baghdad, Iraq, APO AE 09305

SUBJECT: Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 Investigation Findings and Recommendations – Suspected Civilian Casualty (CIVCAS) Incident – 29 June 2015, near Anah, Iraq

1. (U) Purpose. Pursuant to the appointment memorandum dated 1 July 2015, I have completed an informal investigation in accordance with (IAW) AR 15-6, paragraph 2-1, and *USCENTCOM Guidance for Reporting and Investigating Civilian Casualties (CIVCAS) Allegations for Ongoing Operations in Iraq and Syria*, MSG 041800Z OCT 2014. The purpose of this memorandum is to serve as a record of the facts ascertained during the investigation and provide findings and recommendations.

2. (U) Facts. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

a. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

b. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

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c. ~~(S/REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

d. ~~(S/REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

e. ~~(S/REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

f. ~~(S/REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

g. ~~(S/REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c did not depict a sedan or motorcycle. However, approximately 10 seconds second prior to impact, the FOV depicts the targeted vehicle and the sedan in close

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proximity. The motorcycle comes into the FOV 2 seconds prior to the impact. (Exhibit #8) (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g 44 seconds after impact indicates the engagement on the targeted vehicle produced collateral effects on the non-targeted sedan and motorcycle (Exhibit #9 and Exhibit #10).

h. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ (b)(1).4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(1).4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

### 3. Findings.

a. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ Did a CIVCAS event occur? Yes. It is reasonable to believe that a CIVCAS event occurred. The (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g produced the predicted effects on the targeted vehicle. The motorcycle and sedan were both protected objects under LOAC and ROE, and were in close proximity to the targeted vehicle when the vehicle was engaged. Therefore, it is likely to conclude that the strike injured the rider of the motorcycle and the person(s) inside the sedan. The

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

b. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ Targeting Procedures. The targeting and PID that lead to the execution of the strike were sound. In accordance with the ROE, establishing

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

c. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ LOAC Compliance. In accordance with LOAC, only lawful military targets may be targeted. No information gathered throughout the investigation suggests that there was intent to violate LOAC. Additionally, the collateral effects impinged on the sedan and motorcycle at the time of the strike were unintentional.

d. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

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(Exhibit #1)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

demonstrates that the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c personnel were actively attempting to mitigate collateral concerns during this dynamic strike.

e. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ Other Mitigating Measures. To mitigate not having

(b)(1)1.4g

conducted (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c assessments along the targeted vehicle's route, with consideration for the (b)(1)1.4a time of flight and vehicle's rate of speed. These facts demonstrate that available mitigation measures were employed to seek minimal collateral damage engagement opportunities.

#### 4. Recommendations.

a. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

b. ~~(S//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a

(b)(1)1.4g

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5. The POC for this investigation is [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**15 Encls**

1. Exhibit #1
2. Exhibit #2
3. Exhibit #3
4. Exhibit #4
5. Exhibit #5
6. Exhibit #6
7. Exhibit #7
8. Exhibit #8
9. Exhibit #9
10. Exhibit #
11. Exhibit #
12. Exhibit #
13. Exhibit #
14. Exhibit #
15. Exhibit #

[REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4g

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER/BOARD OF OFFICERS**

For use of this form, see AR 15-6; the proponent agency is OTJAG.

**IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED IN FILLING OUT ANY PORTION OF THIS FORM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS****SECTION I - APPOINTMENT**Appointed by Commander, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division and Combined Forces Land Component Command - Iraq  
(Appointing authority)on 01 JUL 2015 (Attach inclosure 1: Letter of appointment or summary of oral appointment data.) (See para 3-15, AR 15-6.)  
(Date)**SECTION II - SESSIONS**The (investigation) (board) commenced at Baghdad, Iraq, APO AE 09305 at 1100C  
(Place) (Time)  
on 02 JUL 2015 (If a formal board met for more than one session, check here  . Indicate in an inclosure the time each session began and  
(Date) ended, the place, persons present and absent, and explanation of absences, if any.) The following persons (members, respondents, counsel) were  
present: (After each name, indicate capacity, e.g., President, Recorder, Member, Legal Advisor.)

The following persons (members, respondents, counsel) were absent: (Include brief explanation of each absence.) (See paras 5-2 and 5-8a, AR 15-6.)

The (investigating officer) (board) finished gathering/hearing evidence at 2100C on 05 JUL 2015  
(Time) (Date)  
and completed findings and recommendations at 1931C on 06 JUL 2015  
(Time) (Date)**SECTION III - CHECKLIST FOR PROCEEDINGS****A. COMPLETE IN ALL CASES**

		YES	NO <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>2</sup>
1	Inclosures (para 3-15, AR 15-6)			
	Are the following inclosed and numbered consecutively with Roman numerals: (Attached in order listed)			
a.	The letter of appointment or a summary of oral appointment data?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Copy of notice to respondent, if any? (See item 9, below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	Other correspondence with respondent or counsel, if any?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d.	All other written communications to or from the appointing authority?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e.	Privacy Act Statements (Certificate, if statement provided orally)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f.	Explanation by the investigating officer or board of any unusual delays, difficulties, irregularities, or other problems encountered (e.g., absence of material witnesses)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g.	Information as to sessions of a formal board not included on page 1 of this report?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h.	Any other significant papers (other than evidence) relating to administrative aspects of the investigation or board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FOOTNOTES: 1/ Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.

2/ Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.

	Exhibits (para 3-16, AR 15-6)	YES	NO <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>2</sup>
2	<p>a. Are all items offered (whether or not received) or considered as evidence individually numbered or lettered as exhibits and attached to this report?</p> <p>b. Is an index of all exhibits offered to or considered by investigating officer or board attached before the first exhibit?</p> <p>c. Has the testimony/statement of each witness been recorded verbatim or been reduced to written form and attached as an exhibit?</p> <p>d. Are copies, descriptions, or depictions (if substituted for real or documentary evidence) properly authenticated and is the location of the original evidence indicated?</p> <p>e. Are descriptions or diagrams included of locations visited by the investigating officer or board (para 3-6b, AR 15-6)?</p> <p>f. Is each written stipulation attached as an exhibit and is each oral stipulation either reduced to writing and made an exhibit or recorded in a verbatim record?</p> <p>g. If official notice of any matter was taken over the objection of a respondent or counsel, is a statement of the matter of which official notice was taken attached as an exhibit (para 3-16d, AR 15-6)?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Was a quorum present when the board voted on findings and recommendations (paras 4-1 and 5-2b, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>B. COMPLETE ONLY FOR FORMAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS (Chapter 5, AR 15-6)</b>				
4	At the initial session, did the recorder read, or determine that all participants had read, the letter of appointment (para 5-3b, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Was a quorum present at every session of the board (para 5-2b, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Was each absence of any member properly excused (para 5-2a, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Were members, witnesses, reporter, and interpreter sworn, if required (para 3-1, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	If any members who voted on findings or recommendations were not present when the board received some evidence, does the indorsement describe how they familiarized themselves with that evidence (para 5-2d, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C. COMPLETE ONLY IF RESPONDENT WAS DESIGNATED (Section II, Chapter 5, AR 15-6)</b>				
9	<p>Notice to respondents (para 5-5, AR 15-6):</p> <p>a. Is the method and date of delivery to the respondent indicated on each letter of notification?</p> <p>b. Was the date of delivery at least five working days prior to the first session of the board?</p> <p>c. Does each letter of notification indicate –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the date, hour, and place of the first session of the board concerning that respondent?</li> <li>(2) the matter to be investigated, including specific allegations against the respondent, if any?</li> <li>(3) the respondent's rights with regard to counsel?</li> <li>(4) the name and address of each witness expected to be called by the recorder?</li> <li>(5) the respondent's rights to be present, present evidence, and call witnesses?</li> </ul> <p>d. Was the respondent provided a copy of all unclassified documents in the case file?</p> <p>e. If there were relevant classified materials, were the respondent and his counsel given access and an opportunity to examine them?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	<p>If any respondent was designated after the proceedings began (or otherwise was absent during part of the proceedings):</p> <p>a. Was he properly notified (para 5-5, AR 15-6)?</p> <p>b. Was record of proceedings and evidence received in his absence made available for examination by him and his counsel (para 5-4c, AR 15-6)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<p>Counsel (para 5-6, AR 15-6):</p> <p>a. Was each respondent represented by counsel?</p> <p>Name and business address of counsel:</p> <p>(If counsel is a lawyer, check here <input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>b. Was respondent's counsel present at all open sessions of the board relating to that respondent?</p> <p>c. If military counsel was requested but not made available, is a copy (or, if oral, a summary) of the request and the action taken on it included in the report (para 5-6b, AR 15-6)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<p>If the respondent challenged the legal advisor or any voting member for lack of impartiality (para 5-7, AR 15-6):</p> <p>a. Was the challenge properly denied and by the appropriate officer?</p> <p>b. Did each member successfully challenged cease to participate in the proceedings?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	<p>Was the respondent given an opportunity to (para 5-8a, AR 15-6):</p> <p>a. Be present with his counsel at all open sessions of the board which deal with any matter which concerns that respondent?</p> <p>b. Examine and object to the introduction of real and documentary evidence, including written statements?</p> <p>c. Object to the testimony of witnesses and cross-examine witnesses other than his own?</p> <p>d. Call witnesses and otherwise introduce evidence?</p> <p>e. Testify as a witness?</p> <p>f. Make or have his counsel make a final statement or argument (para 5-9, AR 15-6)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	If requested, did the recorder assist the respondent in obtaining evidence in possession of the Government and in arranging for the presence of witnesses (para 5-8b, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Are all of the respondent's requests and objections which were denied indicated in the report of proceedings or in an inclosure or exhibit to it (para 5-11, AR 15-6)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>FOOTNOTES:</b> 1/ Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.</p> <p>2/ Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.</p>				

**SECTION IV - FINDINGS** (para 3-10, AR 15-6)

The (investigating officer) (beard), having carefully considered the evidence, finds:

See Attached Memorandum.

**SECTION V - RECOMMENDATIONS** (para 3-11, AR 15-6)

In view of the above findings, the (investigating officer) (beard) recommends:

See Attached Memorandum.

**SECTION VI - AUTHENTICATION** (para 3-17, AR 15-6)

THIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. (If any voting member or the recorder fails to sign here or in Section VII below, indicate the reason in the space where his signature should appear.)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

(Recorder)

(Investigating Officer) (President)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

**SECTION VII - MINORITY REPORT** (para 3-13, AR 15-6)

To the extent indicated in Inclosure \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned do(es) not concur in the findings and recommendations of the board.

(In the inclosure, identify by number each finding and/or recommendation in which the dissenting member(s) do(es) not concur. State the reasons for disagreement. Additional/substitute findings and/or recommendations may be included in the inclosure.)

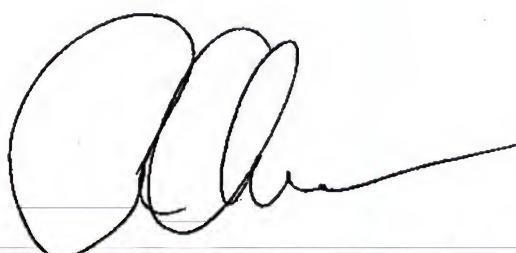
(Member)

(Member)

**SECTION VIII - ACTION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY** (para 2-3, AR 15-6)

The findings and recommendations of the (investigating officer) (board) are (approved) (disapproved) (approved with following exceptions/ substitutions). (If the appointing authority returns the proceedings to the investigating officer or board for further proceedings or corrective action, attach that correspondence (or a summary, if oral) as a numbered inclosure.)

The recommendations are referred to the Commander's Initiatives Group (CIG) to consider for incorporation into the CIG's 30-Day Assessment.



Richard D. Clarke, MG, Commander, 82d ABN and CFLCC-I

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**From:** CENTCOM JOC CCCI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015 3:13 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCCI  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCCI; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCCI-M; (b)(6) RES USN  
USCENTCOM CCCI; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCCI-M; (b)(6) CIV USAF USCENTCOM CCCI-M; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) USCENTCOM CCCI-M; (b)(6) USCENTCOM CCCI-M; (b)(6) USCENTCOM CCCI-P; (b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCI-M; CENTCOM JOC SEC  
**Subject:** FW: [S//RTUF] 5W: CIVCAS due to Coalition Airstrike 23km NW of Haditha

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Sir,

Please see below for a possible CIVCAS that occurred 29 June, 23 km NW of Haditha, IZ.

**DETAILS:** At 1202Z 29 JUN 15, CJTF-OIR conducted a dynamic strike on an ISIL supply vehicle 23km NW of Haditha, IZ by DEMISE 80 (MQ-1 US) using 1x AGM-114 resulting in 1x vehicle destroyed. After DEMISE 80 engaged the target and 2 seconds prior to Hellfire impact, a car slowed in front of the ISIL vehicle and a motorcycle simultaneously passed by the ISIL vehicle. The target vehicle was destroyed in the strike with multiple secondary explosions observed from the bed of the resupply vehicle. The target vehicle was loaded with ammunition crates and possible mortar tube/rockets.

**PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS:** This possible CIVCAS correlates with dynamic strike #4940 at 1202Z 29 JUN 15. Initial post-strike BDA visuals indicate a strong likelihood that the vehicle in front of the ISIL vehicle and the motorcycle beside the ISIL vehicle were also impacted in the strike.

**WAY AHEAD:** CJFLCC-I will conduct Credibility Assessment per CJTF SOP and IAW CENTCOM CIVCAS policy. CJTF-OIR and CENTCOM JOC will continue to monitor and report.

(b)(6)

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**Declassify On:** 6/29/2025

**From:** CENTCOM JOC TEAM CHIEF  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 10:35 PM  
**To:** Wilsbach, Kenneth S Maj Gen MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-OCGM; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM  
CCJ2-JARR; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCCC; (b)(6) MIL USAF  
USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; CCJ2 ISR OPS; CCJ2 Leaders; CCJ3 O; CENTCOM CCCC SPAD (Special Advisor's  
Office); CENTCOM CCJ2 JIC JTEO Watch; CENTCOM CCJ3 Executive Officers; CENTCOM JOC CCCI;  
CENTCOM JOC J2; CENTCOM JOC J2 CSG; CENTCOM JOC J3 Maritime; CENTCOM JOC J3 O AR  
(AIR/ISR); CENTCOM JOC J3 O CAS (GROUND); CENTCOM JOC JA; CENTCOM JOC JFE; CENTCOM JOC  
SEC; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ2-J; (b)(6) CIV DIA USCENTCOM  
CCJ2-JATN; (b)(6) USCENTCOM CCJ2-JATA; (b)(6) MIL USMC  
USCENTCOM CCDC; Fox, Mark I VADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC; Garrett, Michael X MG MIL USA

USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; (b)(6) MIL USMC  
USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; Grove, Steven R MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ2; (b)(6) CIV USAF  
USCENTCOM CCDC-DCS; (b)(6) USCENTCOM SOCSENT/SOCJ3; (b)(6) MIL  
USA USCENTCOM CCJ4-O; (b)(6) CIV DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-JARH; Jenkins, Sean M BG MIL  
USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; Malloy, James J RDML MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6)  
MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-OCGM; (b)(6) CIV USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-OSA; Mingus,  
James J BG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ5; (b)(6) OSC-I Operations Chief; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ4-E; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-J;  
(b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-DJ2; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM  
CCJ6-JCC; (b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-OJOC; (b)(6) MIL USA  
USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-LA; (b)(6)  
MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-P; (b)(6)

**Subject:** [S//RTUF] 5W: CIVCAS due to Coalition Airstrike 23km NW of Haditha

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Maj Gen Wilsbach,

**BLUF:** At 1202Z 29 JUN 15, a possible CIVCAS event occurred 23km NW of Haditha, IZ as DEMISE 80 (MQ-1 US) engaged 1x ISIL resupply vehicle resulting in possible damage to 2x civilian vehicles.

**WHO:** DEMISE 80 (MQ-1 US) engaging ISIL resupply vehicle

**WHAT:** Possible CIVCAS involving 2x civilian vehicles

**WHEN:** 1202Z 29 JUN 15

**WHERE:** 23km NW of Haditha, IZ (38SKC3709291042)

**DETAILS:** At 1202Z 29 JUN 15, CJTF-OIR conducted a dynamic strike on an ISIL supply vehicle 23km NW of Haditha, IZ by DEMISE 80 (MQ-1 US) using 1x AGM-114 resulting in 1x vehicle destroyed. After DEMISE 80 engaged the target and 2 seconds prior to Hellfire impact, a car slowed in front of the ISIL vehicle and a motorcycle simultaneously passed by the ISIL vehicle. The target vehicle was destroyed in the strike with multiple secondary explosions observed from the bed of the resupply vehicle. The target vehicle was loaded with ammunition crates and possible mortar tube/rockets.

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V/R,

(b)(6)

CENTCOM JOC TEAM CHIEF

DSN (b)(6)

COMM (b)(6)

SVOIP (b)(6)

TS VOIP (b)(6)

REDSWITCH (b)(6)

TEAM CHIEF DESK

NIPR:

(b)(6)

SIPR:

TS:  (b)(6)

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**From:** Kraft, James E MG  
**To:** Wilsbach, Kenneth S Maj Gen USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A  
**Cc:** Malloy, James J RDML MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(1).4a Way Ahead  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:57:30 PM  
**Attachments:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

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CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~

TERMS: NONE

Sir,

**BLUF:** On 4 July 2015, (b)(1).4a conducted a kinetic strike on (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c in Raqqah, Syria, which resulted in (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c CIVCAS (2x civilians on a motorcycle and 1x civilian in a vehicle). IAW USCENTCOM guidance, I am notifying you that this Command does not intend to initiate an AR 15-6 investigation.

Following the strike, we forwarded the 5Ws directly to USCENTCOM and conducted a thorough credibility assessment. Based on the facts and circumstances of this particular strike, I do not believe an AR 15-6 is necessary. My decision is based on the following factors: (1) we assess that 3x CIVCAS occurred; (2) this dynamic strike was executed IAW LOAC principles and applicable ROE (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g (3) the TEA approved the shot with an assumption of minimal risk in an urban terrain; (4) an AR 15-6 would not provide amplifying information in this particular situation; and (5) (b)(1).4a will review the strike at this Command's Monthly Kinetic Strike Review (chaired by the DCG).

Attached are the 5Ws sent up following the strike, as well as pre- and post-strike photographs.

Standing by for questions or guidance.

V/R,  
Jim Kraft

**BG James E. Kraft Jr.**  
**Assistant Commanding General**

(b)(6)

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CLASSIFIED BY: KRAFT, JAMES E BG  
DECLASSIFY ON: 25 YEARS FROM DATE OF ORIGINATION  
DATE OF SOURCE: 20121011

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CAVEATS W/O ATCH: NONE  
TERMS W/O ATCH: NONE

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CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~  
TERMS: NONE

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**From:** CENTCOM JOC TEAM CHIEF  
**To:** Wilsbach, Kenneth S Mai Gen MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-OCGM; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-JARR;  
(b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCCC; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-COS;  
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JTEO Watch; CENTCOM CCJ3 Executive Officers; CENTCOM JOC CCCI; CENTCOM JOC J2; CENTCOM JOC J2  
CSG; CENTCOM JOC J3 Maritime; CENTCOM JOC J3 O AR (AIR/ISR); CENTCOM JOC J3 O CAS (GROUND);  
CENTCOM JOC JA; CENTCOM JOC JFE; CENTCOM JOC SEC; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM  
CCJ2-J; (b)(6) CIV DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-JATN; (b)(6) USCENTCOM CCJ2-JATA;  
(b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCDC; Fox, Mark I VADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC; Garrett,  
Michael X MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; Grove, Steven R MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ2; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) USAF USCENTCOM CCDC-DCS; (b)(6) USCENTCOM SOCCENT/SOCJ3 (b)(6)  
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USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; Malloy, James J RDML MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6)  
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USA USCENTCOM CCJ5; (b)(6) OSC-I Operations Chief; (b)(6) MIL USN  
USCENTCOM CCDC; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ4-E; (b)(6) USAF  
USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) DIA USCENTCOM CCJ2-J; (b)(6) DIA  
USCENTCOM CCJ2-DJ2; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ6-JCC; (b)(6) USAF  
USCENTCOM CCJ3-OJOC; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; (b)(6) MIL USAF  
USCENTCOM CCDC-LA; (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJ3-P; (b)(6)

**Subject:** FS/RTU/ 5Ws: Self-Reported Potential CIVCAS IVO AR RAQQAH Syria - (b)(11.4a) 4 JUL 2015  
**Date:** Monday, July 06, 2015 7:47:33 PM

**Classification:** ~~SECRET//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Maj Gen Wilsbach,

**BLUF:** At (b)(1).4a 04 JUL 15, a kinetic strike against a bridge 6km NW of Ar Raqqah, SY resulted in possible CIVCAS.

**WHO:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4g

**WHAT:** Deliberate strike on bridge may have resulted in damage/destruction of passing vehicle

**WHEN:** (b)(1).4a JUL 15

**WHERE:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c 6km NW of Ar Raqqah, SY (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

**WHY:** A truck was traveling on the road from west to east at impact but was not visible (in (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, until well after weapon release.

**DETAILS:** During the Deliberate Strike on Ar Raqqah Bridge (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g shows a large truck and trailer at the bridge during weapons impact. (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g indicates that the truck was significantly damaged during the event.

V/R,

(b)(6)

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From: [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)  
To: [REDACTED] // Potential CIVCAS event  
Subject: [REDACTED]  
Date: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:52:31 AM

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CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~

TERMS: NONE

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**From:** JSOC CMD CTR  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 04, 2015 1:48 PM  
**To:** Kraft, James E BG

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

**Subject:** [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a // Potential CIVCAS event

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~

TERMS: NONE

Sir,

[REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a

**BLUF:** [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4d conducted a kinetic strike IVO Raqqah, Syria. Post-strike

review indicates CIVCAS.

**WHO:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

**WHAT:** Kinetic Strike on (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c resulting in CIVCAS

**Fires:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

**Potential CIVCAS:** Assess 2x transient civilians aboard motorcycle killed and 2 x transient civilians (1 vehicle, 1 moto) wounded.

**WHEN:** 04 (b)(1).4a JUL 15

**WHERE:** IVO Raqqah, Syria (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

**WHY:** (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c | **Currently assess 3 x unidentified civilians killed from the blast.**

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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TERMS: NONE

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TERMS: NONE

From: (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJA  
To: (b)(6) MIL USA USCENTCOM CCJA  
Cc: (b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCJA; (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJA;  
(b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJA; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
Subject: FW: [S//NF] (AWARENESS) - REVISED (b)(1).4Ws Possible CIVCAS from Secondary Explosion from K/S on (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c  
(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c  
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2015 1:18:45 PM  
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[image003.png](#)

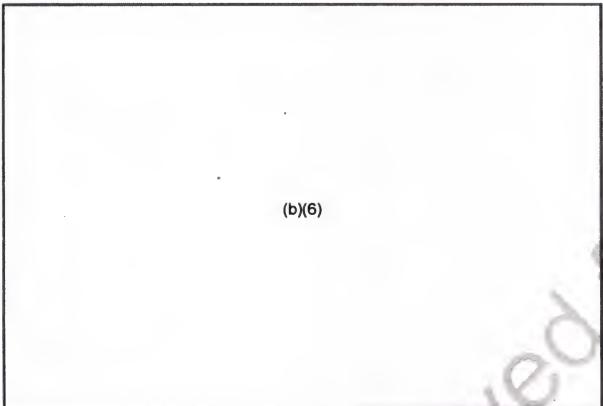
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(b)(6)

FYSA. Interesting twist on this one.

v/r,



Classification: ***SECRET//NOFORN***

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From: Wilsbach, Kenneth S Maj Gen MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A  
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 1:11 PM  
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: [S//NF] (AWARENESS) - REVISED (b)(1).4Ws Possible CIVCAS from Secondary Explosion from K/S on (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

Classification: ***SECRET//NOFORN***

Tracking, thanks (b)(6)

Classification: ***SECRET//NOFORN***

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** Wilsbach, Kenneth S Maj Gen USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-A  
**Cc:** Malloy, James J RDML MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; [REDACTED] (b)(6) MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCJ3-  
[REDACTED] (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; CCJ3 O SA; [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (AWARENESS) - REVISED [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a 5Ws Possible CIVCAS from Secondary Explosion from K/S on  
[REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

CAVEATS: NOFORN/LIMDIS

TERMS: NONE

Sir,

FYSA, [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a REVISED 5W's Assessment of Possible CIVCAS during K/S on [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c  
[REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c below.

----- (Original Message)

Sir,

We made some minor wording adjustments to previous 5Ws. Updated version below

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REVISED - For AWARENESS at [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a 5W's Assessment of Possible CIVCAS  
during K/S on [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

BL: After a thorough review of all reasonably available information, including  
strike records, the [REDACTED] (b)(1).4g during and after the strike and [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c I  
believe that it is more likely than not that a civilian was injured by a secondary  
explosion and/or flying debris from the initial strike. [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

**WHO:** [REDACTED] (b)(1).4a

**WHAT:** Possible Civilian Injury

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

**WHEN:** 07 1909z JUL 15

**WHERE:** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c (IVO Raqqah, Syria)

**WHY:** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

**Sequence of Events:**

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

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1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g  
1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g, (b)(3), (b)(6)

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CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN/LIMDIS~~

TERMS: NONE

**(U) CAOC CIVCAS Credibility Inquiry 11 July 2015**

(b)(1)1.4a

3. (U) Coalition Strike Activity

a. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ Coalition aircraft struck multiple (b)(1).4a targets in Ar Raqqa over the night of July 11, 2015. The strike package consisted of (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g. No other coalition strikes were accomplished in Ar Raqqa during the time in question. Figure 1 displays the location of the bridge strikes and (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g referenced later in this report. These bridge targets were validated and approved at the

(b)(1).4a

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c

~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ Figure 1. Bridge Locations During 11 July Strike.

4. (U) Execution

a. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ (b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

(b)(1).4a, (b)(1).4c, (b)(1).4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

5. (U) Possible Collateral Damage/CIVCAS

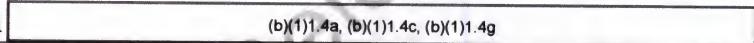
a. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ During employment, the formation (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g All weapon impacts were observed on the intended targets. Figure 3 shows the targets after impact.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

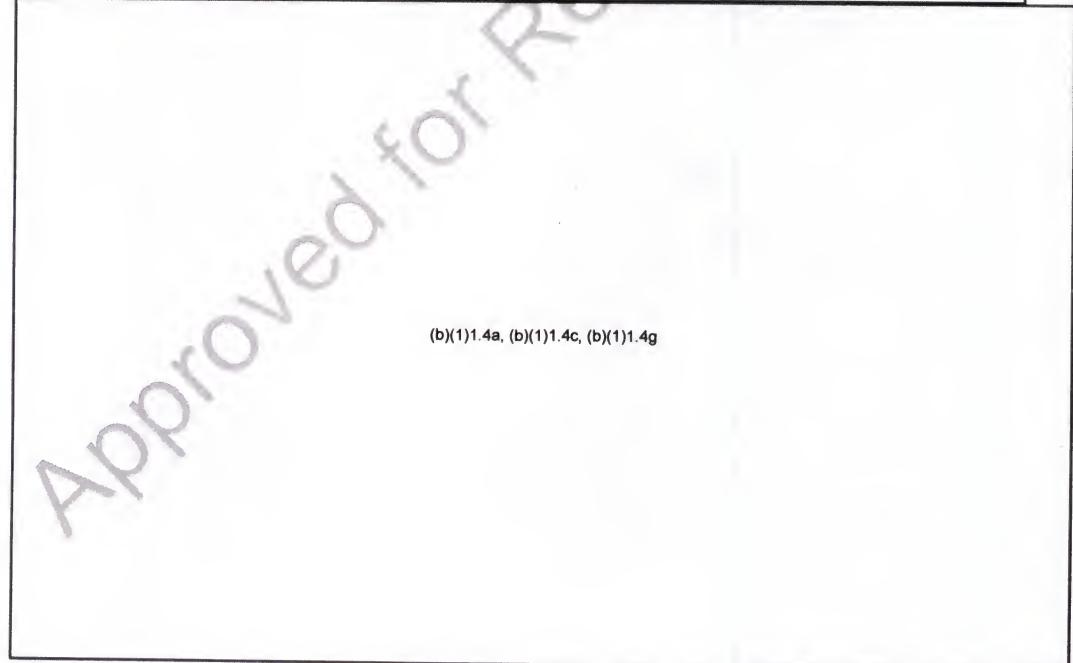


(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

b. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ There are two alleged CIVCAS events as reported to the Department of State.

i. The first allegation 

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g



(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

ii. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ The second allegation as reported by the Department of State indicated that the Munqelaq Bridge in Hamra Nassin was struck. No bridge by that name could be found in open source searches, but there are some indications that Bridge<sup>4a, (b)</sup> is located between an area named Hamra and an area named Nassin; both located east of the city of Ar Raqqa. It is reasonable to assess that Bridge<sup>4a, (b)</sup> was the target referenced in the allegation. This bridge was previously engaged during a strike on 4 July 2015 which resulted in significant damage to the bridge. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g Five seconds prior to impact, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g shows a semi-truck and trailer crossing the secondary bridge. Additionally, a passenger vehicle and two motorcycles are traveling west behind the semi. Figure 5 shows the target with the collateral concerns on the secondary dirt bridge.



c. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ Just prior to impact, all vehicles are located outside the field of view (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

A large rectangular redacted area, likely a photograph, occupies the lower portion of the page. It is bounded by a thin black line. In the center of this redacted area, the text "(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

d. ~~(S/REL USA, FVEY)~~ Approximately 15 seconds after impact, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g shows additional semi-trucks that had previously crossed the secondary bridge and an explosion in the area where the first observed semi was located. The explosion

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

6. (U) Conclusions

a. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~

(b)(1)1.4a

(b)(1)1.4a

a. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ The CAOC determines that based on current information the CIVCAS allegation that a strike on a bridge east of Ar Raqqa that resulted in the death of a civilian is CREDIBLE. While open source reports do not indicate the death of the named individual, the

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g This explosion was in close proximity to at least 3 vehicles not previously identified as hostile and it is reasonable to believe, based on the last known location of the civilian vehicles on the secondary bridge, at least one individual was injured or killed in the secondary explosion. While the CIVCAS event is credible, the source of the secondary explosion is not known

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g As such, the utility of further investigation into the matter is negligible.

Approved by the Deputy Commander, Combined Force Air Component, on 5 Oct 2015.

End  
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**From:** CENTCOM JOC CHOPS  
**To:** CENTCOM JOC JFE  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-O; (b)(6) MIL USAF USCENTCOM CCJ3-O;  
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**Subject:** FW: [S//RTU][S//REL TO USA, FVEY] CIVCAS Credibility Assessment 11 and 18 Jul 15 - Approved for release  
**Date:** Friday, October 09, 2015 5:59:21 AM  
**Attachments:** CAOC CIVCAS Credibility Inquiry 18 July Raqqa FINAL.pdf  
CAOC CIVCAS Credibility Inquiry 11 July Raqqa 2xBridges FINAL.pdf

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Fires,

Please update CIVCAS tracker as appropriate.

Execs, this is sent in response to N.O. tasker.

V/R CHOPS

-----Original Message-----

From: REL AUAB CAOC BATTLE DIRECTOR (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 4:54 PM  
To: CENTCOM JOC CHOPS  
Cc: Zobrist, Scott J Maj Gen USAF AFCENT USAFCENT/CD; REL AUAB CAOC BATTLE DIRECTOR; AUAB (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: ~~[S//REL TO USA, FVEY]~~ CIVCAS Credibility Assessment 11 and 18 Jul 15 - Approved for release

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CHOPS,

BLUF: Attached are the credibility assessments for strikes in Ar Raqqa on 11 and 18 July. One of the three events is deemed credible. Request you forward to appropriate distro at CENTCOM.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

With respect to the CREDIBLE assessment:

WHO: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

WHAT: Deliberate Strike

WHERE:

WHEN:

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

Summary:

~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ The CAOC determines that based on current information the CIVCAS allegation that a strike

on a bridge east of Ar Raqqa that resulted in the death of a civilian is CREDIBLE. While open source reports do not indicate the death of the named individual, the WSV footage displays a large secondary explosion from a vehicle crossing a secondary bridge. This explosion was in close proximity to at least 3 vehicles not previously identified as hostile and it is reasonable to believe, based on the last known location of the civilian vehicles on the secondary bridge, at least one individual was injured or killed in the secondary explosion. While the CIVCAS event is credible, the source of the secondary explosion is not known

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c As such, the utility of further investigation into the matter is negligible.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4b, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g  
1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4b, (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4g, (b)(6)

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